

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

December 8, 2020

New State Emergency Funding for Project Room Key and Rehousing Efforts

On November 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced \$62 million in one-time funds from the State’s Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account to allow local Project Roomkey (PRK) operations to continue, to transition PRK participants to permanent housing, and for technical assistance local areas may need in these efforts. The goal of these funds is to ensure the safety of participants during the ongoing public health emergency and to increase the rate and speed of rehousing placements out of PRK sites.

The total \$62 million is being administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) which is making \$59.0 million available immediately to counties and tribes operating PRK sites for PRK operations and rehousing assistance. The amount available to each county and tribe is proportionate to the number of occupied PRK rooms reported to CDSS from July 2020 through November 18, 2020. Based on this methodology, Los Angeles County’s share of the \$59.0 million is \$18.6 million. CDSS will use the remaining \$3.0 million to provide targeted technical assistance which will be

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distributed at a future date.

On November 24, 2020, the Director of Public Social Services (DPSS) signed and submitted the required Welfare Directors Certification Form affirming Los Angeles County would accept its full share of the funding, and any additional funding to the extent other counties or tribes did not accept their full shares of this funding. CDSS required County Welfare Directors to submit their signed certification forms by November 30, 2020.

Since the Governor announced this new funding, DPSS, the CEO Homeless Initiative, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) have been working closely to confirm how best to administer the County's funding and maximize it in the context of current PRK ramp-down schedules and other local, State and Federal funding the County is using for these efforts.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to accept an allocation of \$18,642,781 in one-time funding from the State's Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account and any additional allocations from remaining State funding designated for this purpose.
2. Approve CEO use of these funds for: (1) Project Room Key occupancy agreements and operations in 2021; and (2) rehousing PRK residents.
3. Direct the CEO to allocate \$6.5 million of this funding to LAHSA and/or the City of Los Angeles based on Project Roomkey occupancy agreements executed by the City of Los Angeles.

4. Authorize the CEO to execute any agreements that are necessary to effectuate the utilization of this funding as described herein.
5. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to increase appropriation and revenue in the amount of \$18,643,000 to the DPSS Administration Budget and to increase appropriation and intrafund transfer in the amount of \$18,643,000 to the Homeless and Housing Program Budget.

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November 24, 2020

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**FY 2020-21****4 - VOTES****SOURCES****USES****PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION**

A01-SS-88-89U1-25900

COVID-19 EMERGENCY HOMELESS STATE GRANT

INCREASE REVENUE**18,643,000****PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION**

A01-SS-2000-25900

SERVICES & SUPPLIES

INCREASE APPROPRIATION**18,643,000****HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAM**

A01-CB-6800-26685

INTRAFUND TRANSFERS

DECREASE APPROPRIATION**18,643,000****HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAM**

A01-CB-5500-26685

OTHER CHARGES

INCREASE APPROPRIATION**18,643,000****SOURCES TOTAL****\$ 37,286,000****USES TOTAL****\$ 37,286,000****JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects an appropriation increase of \$18.6 million in the Department of Public Social Services and the Homeless and Housing budgets for Project Room Key (PRK) occupancy agreements and operations costs as well as rehousing of PRK residents.

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

David Seidenfeld
DAVID SEIDENFELD, MANAGER, CEO

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DAVID SEIDENFELD, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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APPROVED AS REQUESTED



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE

Dec. 1, 2020